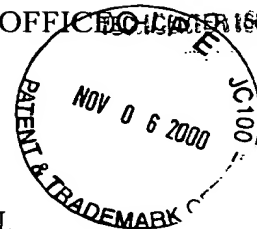


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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended 3 months from August 6, 2000 to November 6, 2000 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$890.00 for a 3 month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 29377. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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